Ridge Regression

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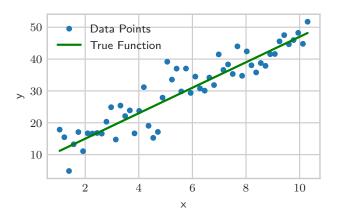
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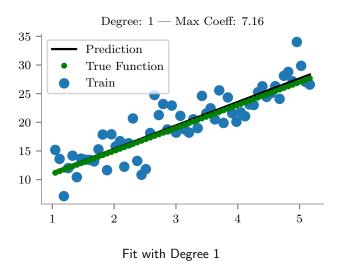
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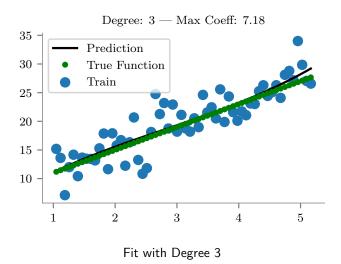
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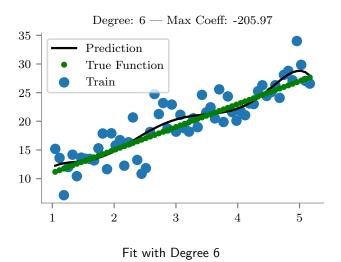
In
$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots$$
 it is max $|c_i|$

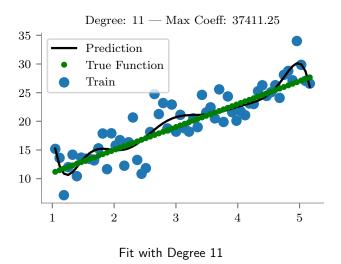


Base Data Set

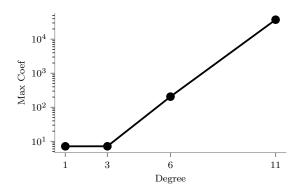








In the examples we notice that as the degree increases (as the prediction starts to overfit the base data), the maximum coefficient also increases.



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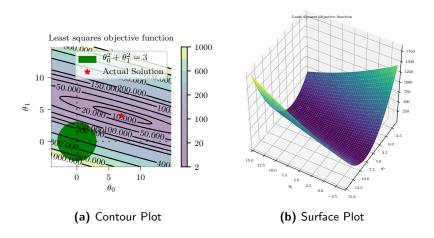
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Visualization of the Example

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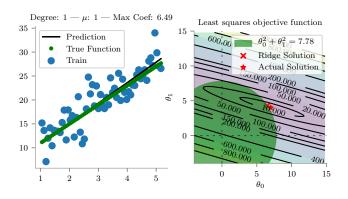
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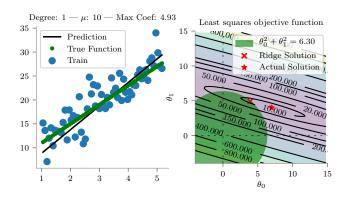
$$\implies \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} - S = 0$$

Effect of μ



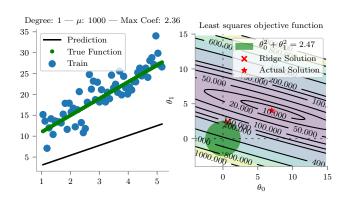
 $\mu = 1$

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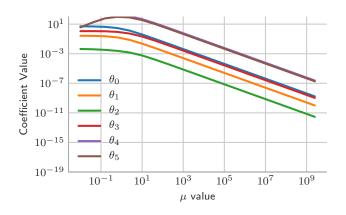


 $\mu = 10$

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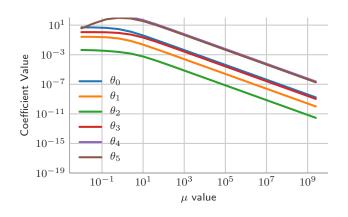


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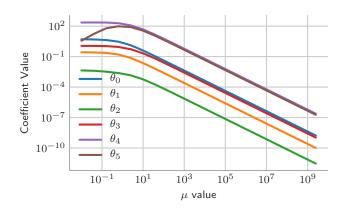
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Are θ_i all zero for high μ ?

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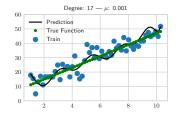
Analytical Method

Ridge Objective:
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right)^T \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) + \mu \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial L\left(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\mu}\right)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ \mathbf{y}^{T} \mathbf{y} - 2 \mathbf{y}^{T} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \boldsymbol{\mu} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \boldsymbol{\theta} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow & -\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} + \left(\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \mathbf{I} \right) \boldsymbol{\theta} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow & \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*} &= \left(\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} \end{split}$$

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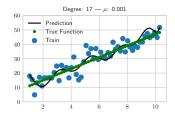


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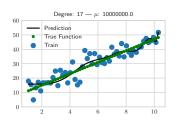
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 $\implies \mu \rightarrow 0$

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Fit High Order Polynomial \implies low variance $\implies \mu \rightarrow \infty$

Example

Q.) Solve Regularized ($\mu = 2$) and Unregularized.

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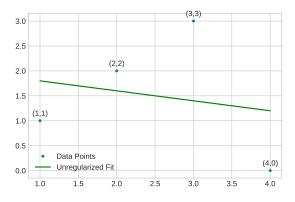
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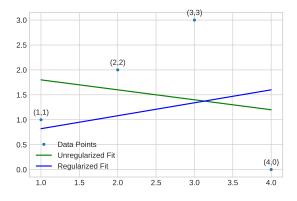
$$\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{X} + \mu\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 10 \\ 10 & 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Multi-collinearity

$$(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$
 is not computable when $|\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}| = 0$.

This was a drawback of using linear regression

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix **X** is not full rank.

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Another interpretation of "regularisation"

Extension of the analytical model

For ridge with no penalty on θ_0

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where,

$$\mathbf{I}^* = egin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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